

# THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



Welcome to the 122<sup>nd</sup> Edition of The Leadership Ledger. It includes Post, Department and National reports, leadership training events, upcoming conferences/conventions as well as rules and regulations pertaining to local, state and national laws. The Ledger is available by visiting the Department's website at [mainelegion.org](http://mainelegion.org) under "News & Events" or on the home page. If you have any information to be published in The Leadership Ledger, please forward to Dept. HQ via email at: [legionme@mainelegion.org](mailto:legionme@mainelegion.org)

## DISTRICT MEETINGS

*Be Connected • Be Heard • Be Informed*

**SEPTEMBER 2024**

**District 5** – Oxford: Sept. 17  
Oxford Post 112, 7PM, Refreshments after

**District 14** – Piscataquis: Sept. 21  
Milo Post 41, 12PM lunch, 1PM Mtg

## Service Officer Training

**September 14, 10 am, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow**

The Department of Maine will be offering Post Service Officer training on Sept. 14, 10 am. The training will focus on providing information on benefits to veterans and survivors, claims processes, education and assistance to veterans in need, do's and don'ts, and help one become more versed in state and local benefits.

Great course for new PSOs or any member that would like to learn more. Department Service Officer Carl Curtis from Togus VA will be the lead facilitator.

To book your seat, email: [jason@mainelegion.org](mailto:jason@mainelegion.org)

## IN MEMORIUM 9/11/01

*"If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate."*

~ Sandy Dahl, wife of Flight 93 Pilot Jason Dahl

## AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MAINE FALL CONFERENCE

South Paris Post 72  
12 Church Street, South Paris, Me. 04281  
September 28, 2024

Start Time: 9:15 am

Registration: None for Legion Members

Lunch: Catered by DADDY-O's  
\$12/pp, payment must be sent to **American Legion  
Auxiliary HQ** (5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 07901)  
and received no later than Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>

See [Page 13](#) for Meeting Agenda

## NATIONAL COMMANDER'S VISIT TO The Department of Maine October 14-18, 2024

★☆☆ Itinerary ★☆☆

James A. LaCoursiere, Jr. (La coursey air) was elected national commander of the nation's largest veterans organization on August 29, 2024, in New Orleans, during The American Legion 105th national convention. An Air Force veteran, LaCoursiere has been a longtime field representative for The American Legion Department of Connecticut's Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines Fund, which assists veterans and their families. As national commander, LaCoursiere is strongly committed to raising awareness for The American Legion's "Be the One" efforts to prevent veteran suicide. See Page 14 for a printable copy.



## The American Legion, Department of Maine High School Oratorical Scholarship Program

Thomas College  
180 West River Rd. Waterville, Maine 04901

**February 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.**

\*\*All contestants should plan to arrive between 8 and 8:30 am\*\*  
Snow Date: February 15, 2025

[CLICK HERE](#) for topics

# COMMANDER'S PROJECT 2024-25

*Department Commander  
Tricia Thurston asks that each  
Post and Legionnaire support her goal!*



## Mission Working Dogs

**Their MISSION:** To improve the lives of their community members who are living with a disability by providing them with properly trained service dogs to help them live more independently despite a physical disability and by providing therapy dogs which will bring mental well-being to the people of Maine such as those in nursing homes, hospitals, and schools.

**Their VISION:** At Mission Working Dogs, we train purpose-bred dogs to aid individuals with disabilities so that the handler can live a life to the fullest and more independently.

**Their GOAL:** Service dogs can assist those with physical disabilities such as mobility impairments by fetching dropped items, opening doors, and turning on and off lights. They can also help individuals with PTSD by learning to recognize an increase in anxiety, carrying medications, and providing deep pressure therapy to calm or redirect the handler. Dogs working as facility dogs are often trained to recognize a patient's affected side in the case of a stroke and to approach on the side the patient is able to pet with or throw the ball. Patients are able to work on fine motor movements in petting or caring for the dog as well as gross motor skills playing fetch with a dog that's able to bring the ball exactly to where the patient needs, such as on a side table or directly into their hand, rather than on the ground or trying to play tug with it inappropriately.

**Their PLAN:** Service dogs are generally trained for approximately two years and undergo a wide range of assessments on their physical health, temperament, and tasks or skills to make sure they can properly support their handler throughout life.

Donations can be made to the **American Legion Dept. of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04091**

*Please place in the memo line of the check:  
Commander's Project 2024-2025*

If you would like to donate with a Debit or Credit Card, please call 207-873-3229 or visit: [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org) and click on the **DONATE** button.



**Make sure to type  
"Commander's Project"  
in the Note section.**



# ABOUT THE NATIONAL COMMANDER

The American Legion  
Sept. 2024



**J**ames A. LaCoursiere Jr. (La coursey air) was elected national commander of The American Legion on August 29, 2024, in New Orleans, during the 105<sup>th</sup> National Convention.

An Air Force veteran, LaCoursiere has been a longtime field representative for the American Legion Department of Connecticut's Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund, which financially assists veterans and their families in need.

LaCoursiere has held many leadership positions at The American Legion post, department (state) and national levels. He is a member of American Legion Post 91 in Moosup, Conn. He has also served as a national vice commander, Connecticut state commander, and chairman of the national Legislative Commission.

LaCoursiere is married to his wife, Lisa, and has two children (Patrick and Meghan), and three step-children (Jason, Kaylene and the late Johnathan).

Born to a military family in Honolulu, Hawaii, LaCoursiere attended Montville High School where he played junior varsity football, varsity football and varsity track.

As national commander, LaCoursiere is strongly committed to raising awareness for The American Legion's Be the One mission to prevent veteran suicide. Office must report on the grant program.

For more information [CLICK HERE](#)



## 2024 Digital Convention Yearbook Now Available Online!



**Lots of New Information Including  
Hyperlinked Business Ads to Websites,  
Photos, Legion Programs & More!**

**Check it Out Today!**

**Show Your Support to Maine Veterans & Make  
Your Name Part of American Legion History**

**Deadline for Submission May 9, 2025**

**B**ecome a sponsor today by donating to the Maine American Legion Convention Yearbook Program and make your name part of The American Legion history! Your name will be listed in our 2025 Maine American Legion Yearbook made available in print and online in digital format by visiting [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org).

Donate \$100 or more and receive a Maine American Legion Convention Yearbook as well as one of our most popular centennial coins to add to your collection. To donate with Debit/Credit Card, simply scan the QR code with your phone or click the button below. If donating by check, please make payable to The American Legion, Department of Maine earmarked "Yearbook Program" and mail to: The American Legion, Department of Maine, 5 Verti Dr., Winslow, ME 04901-0727.

For more information, please visit [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org), or call 207-873-3229 Ext. 2, or email: [rachael@mainelegion.org](mailto:rachael@mainelegion.org)



## LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT SAL YEAR

Sep 05, 2024

Hello, American Legion Family.

When I took the stage in New Orleans as the new National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion, I was honored to have so many members of my family there with me to celebrate. But I was also honored to have so many members of my Legion Family celebrating with me as well.

My slogan is “Todo es posible con Dios y la familia,” or “Everything is possible with God and family.” I firmly believe that emphasis on family is going to make this year a great one for the Legion Family as a whole.

I look forward to serving with and supporting American Legion National Commander James LaCoursiere Jr. and American Legion Auxiliary National President Trish Ward this year. As Commander LaCoursiere said in his speech at the National Convention, we will let the world know that we are *the* voice for veterans.

I look forward to visiting detachments across the country over the next year and seeing how the SAL is supporting our veterans and our communities. I can't wait to see your stories and successes in person, but also to follow those stories and successes through our monthly national e-newsletter, which includes the printable *Millennium*; online at [Legiontown.org/Sons](http://Legiontown.org/Sons) and [Legion.org/Headlines/Sons](http://Legion.org/Headlines/Sons); and on the SAL Facebook page. Remember, it's important we share our stories so that the Legion Family and those outside our walls realize all we do for our veterans and communities.

And I look forward to all of us continuing to find ways to Be The One to end veteran suicide. If you haven't taken the Be The One training being offered by The American Legion and Columbia University, I encourage you to look at the upcoming schedule and find a session that works for you. Ninety minutes to save a life. Go to [Legion.org/BeTheOne](http://Legion.org/BeTheOne) to register for a session.

Let us continue to grow. Let us continue to contribute to the Veterans & Children Foundation, the Child Welfare Foundation, and The American Legion's other programs that help our veterans and youth. And let us make 2024-25 yet another historic year for the Sons of The American Legion.

“Everything is possible with God and family”

Joseph Navarrete, SAL National Commander



## 2024 AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

*“Life is a moving, breathing thing.  
We have to be willing to constantly evolve.  
Perfection is constant transformation.”*

-Nia Peebles

The Maine American Legion College originally was a student commitment to 3 weekends per year. To assist Legion members with their busy schedules and other commitments, the 2024 American Legion College will assess a condensed 3-day college. Evaluating the waters to see what is best for members.



This year's college will be **Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**.

Maine American Legion College will enhance knowledge and appreciation of The American Legion and teach the core values and contributions of the organization. The coursework prepares Legionnaires for leadership positions in posts, districts, and departments through education, development, and motivation. The curriculum challenges student leaders to think critically and creatively about issues confronting The American Legion.

The curriculum is administered by graduate facilitators of the National American Legion College. We will cover Legion history, leadership traits, putting good practice to use, and active participation in practice ceremonies and hands-on exercises. Topics include public outreach, fundraising strategies, community relations, and a bonus is the network created with fellow students.

The course work makes students more valuable to their posts and departments, increasing effectiveness and productivity.

Maine American Legion College takes place in the Training Center at Department Headquarters (5 Verti Drive, Winslow).

**Limited space, reserve your spot today by email:**  
[jason@mainelegion.org](mailto:jason@mainelegion.org)

SONS OF THE  
AMERICAN  
LEGION

**Squadron Forms/  
Applications**

[Print a SAL Membership Application](#)

[Squadron Officers Form](#)

[Consolidated Squadron Report - fillable](#)

[Annual Squadron Data Report - fillable](#)

[Click Here for the Latest Membership Report](#)



Q. What happened on August 24, 1814 in Washington, DC, that had never happened before or since, and shook our brand new Republic to its roots?



~ Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield  
Mars Hill Post 118

# DONATIONS

## THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

### Commander's Project "Mission Working Dogs"

AL Riders Chapter 40, Winthrop..... \$1000.00

### Homeless Veterans

AL Riders Chapter 14, Fairfield.....\$250.00

AL Riders Chapter 21, Bath..... \$500.00

AL Riders Chapter 40, Winthrop.....\$500.00

AL Riders Chapter 42, Damariscotta.....\$500.00

AL Riders Chapter 51, Oakland.....\$500.00

Shawn M. Boutaugh, ALR Chapter 80,

Millinocket..... \$200.00

AL Riders Chapter 135, Sabattus..... \$150.00

### Sisters in Arms

AL Riders Chapter 14, Fairfield.....\$250.00

AL Riders Chapter 21, Bath..... \$500.00

AL Riders Chapter 42, Damariscotta.....\$500.00

AL Riders Chapter 40, Winthrop..... \$500.00

AL Riders Chapter 51, Oakland.....\$500.00

### Veterans and Children Foundation

AL Riders Chapter 14, Fairfield.....\$250.00

AL Riders Chapter 21, Bath..... \$500.00

AL Riders Chapter 51, Oakland.....\$1000.00

AL Riders Chapter 75, Old Town.....\$600.00

Shawn M. Boutaugh, ALR Chapter 80,

Millinocket..... \$200.00

AL Riders Chapter 86, Gray..... \$500.00

AL Riders Chapter 135, Sabattus..... \$150.00

AL Riders Chapter 147, Madawaska..... \$500.00

*Thank you!!!*

**Warrant Templates**  
**All Post/District Officer Positions**

Available on-line at:

[MaineLegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org)

or go to:

<http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplications.php>. *It's fast and easy!!!*

# BE THE ONE

## TRAINING - 2024

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**2024 Training Date:** Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Dept of Maine Training Room  
5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901.

For more details on the **Be The One** campaign  
visit: [betheone.org](http://betheone.org)

[American Legion Be the One Campaign](http://AmericanLegionBeTheOneCampaign.org)

To Reserve Your Spot Email: [jason@mainelegion.org](mailto:jason@mainelegion.org)

Today, the #1 issue facing those who served is veteran suicide. According to the National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report. 17 veterans still die by suicide each day, or more than 6,000 each year. The rate of suicide for veterans is more than 50% higher than that of non-veteran adults.

The American Legion is activating a national platform to end veteran suicide. The Be the One campaign will: Destigmatize asking for mental health support, creating opportunities for those with mental health issues to speak freely and get the support they need; Provide peer-to-peer support and resources in local communities; Deploy FDA-approved therapeutics for veterans to identify issues and find resources for support.

## AMERICAN LEGION CRIBBAGE BOARDS

Purchase yours today  
at:

The American Legion  
Department of Maine  
HQ

Headquarters  
5 Verti Drive  
Winslow, ME 04901

\$30/each - Pickup Only



FRONT



BACK

*Proceeds Support Warren Post 218 Members*

*"The forest will answer you in the way you call to it.*

~ Finnish Proverb

*"We don't stop playing because we grow old.  
We grow old because we stop playing."*

~ [George Bernard Shaw](http://GeorgeBernardShaw.com)

## MEMBERSHIP **IMPACT** REPORTS

The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The following monthly reports located on: <https://www.legion.org/membership/impact> provide a summary of membership, participation and volunteerism making an impact in the lives of veterans, families and communities. American Legion Posts can share the many ways Legionnaires are making a difference in their communities by [submitting consolidated post reports online](#). To visit the impact American Legion posts made throughout the year, visit: <https://www.legion.org/bythenumbers> or <https://www.legion.org/membership/impact>



*Check out the  
Department & National Legion Per Capita  
on Page 11*

## QUICKLY & EASILY RENEW ONLINE TODAY!

Simply Scan the QR Code with the camera on your phone or visit:

[www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew)



## THE AMERICAN LEGION 2025 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL SCHEDULE

### Cutoff Dates

May 15, 2024  
September 11, 2024  
October 16, 2024  
December 11, 2024  
February 12, 2025  
April 9, 2025

### Renewal Mail Dates

July 1-8, 2024  
October 5-11, 2024  
November 9-15, 2024  
January 4-10, 2025  
March 1-7, 2025  
May 3-9, 2025

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*Find a printable copy of this information on Page 14.*

## PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

Please note that the annual dues for Past Commanders Club are \$5.00 per member. See **Page 8** for an application. If you haven't paid your Past Commanders Club dues yet, *please do so today!*

## MyLegion Q&A

***MyLegion.org is a One-Stop-Shop for  
Managing Your American Legion Membership!***

MyLegion.org is a free and secure website for American Legion and Sons of The American Legion members to manage their membership profile and benefits; and for administrative officers of posts, districts and counties to access membership tools.

[VISIT MYLEGION.ORG](http://www.mylegion.org)

[CLICK HERE](#) to find a MyLegion "How To" Overview presentation.

**Multiyear Membership  
is Now Available**



**Take Advantage of Our Online  
Multiyear Membership Option by Visiting:**  
[www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew)

**RENEW TODAY**

**Here are a few things to know about multiyear membership:**

- The three-year membership sign-up is only available on the National American Legion website. Current or potential members cannot renew or join for a three-year membership at the post level or thru MyLegion.org
- Payment for the three-year membership is upfront.
- There is not a discounted rate with the three-year membership.
- Membership cards will still be sent annually by Legion posts.
- Those who sign up for a multiyear membership will not receive a renewal notice during the time they have signed up for the multiyear membership

## **Attention: District Commanders & Adjutants**

**District Meeting Calendar  
Form now available online!**

[Click Here](#) or visit:  
[www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org)  
under Forms/Application



## POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY SEPTEMBER 20TH

On POW/MIA Recognition Day we stand with military veterans and members of the [Army](#), [Navy](#), [Marine Corps](#), [Air Force](#) and [Coast Guard](#) to honor the nation's Prisoners of War and Missing in Action troops.

Since World War I, almost 285,000 Americans have been taken as Prisoners of War, according to a [Congressional report](#). The remains of almost 82,000 Americans are still missing, according to the [Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency](#).

Related: [4 Things to Know About POW/MIA Recognition Day](#)

From rides and runs, to ceremonies and vigils, our veterans, troops and families ensure that we take time to remember.

**You Are Not Forgotten.**



## Stay Connected with Your Fellow Legionnaires!



[Click here to see the Latest Post Events](#)



[Click Here for the State Directory!](#)

Call Dept. HQ at 873-3229 or e-mail: [legionme@mainelegion.org](mailto:legionme@mainelegion.org) to get the Password!!



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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATE DIRECTORY!**

The State Directory has been posted on the Department Website in the past however it is now password-protected. Please call Dept. HQ at: 873-3229 or e-mail [legionme@mainelegion.org](mailto:legionme@mainelegion.org) to get the password, or if you have any questions or concerns.

## POST/DISTRICT FORMS

[CLICK HERE](#)

[To see which forms your post still needs to submit](#)



### [SE5-EP229](#) Tango Alpha Lima: **A ROCK STAR'S JOURNEY TO HEALING VETERANS**

**IN THIS EPISODE:** September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, and a perfect time to be part of The American Legion **Be the One** mission by taking part in the online Columbia Training Protocol.

**THE INTERVIEW:** Our guest is Tanya O'Callaghan - an Irish-born bass player who has toured, written and recorded with music legends. She's also a passionate advocate of living a vegan lifestyle to support health and environmental concerns.

Inspired by her neighbor, Bob, a Vietnam veteran who has faced hardships and health concerns, Tanya is taking a year off from touring to make a documentary with Bob and others to show how health and wellness can positively influence the lives of veterans.

**SCUTTLEBUTT:** A little-known law has forced over 120,000 veterans to return the money they got to leave the military.

*"You never know how strong you are, until being strong is your only choice."*

~ Bob Marley

## TECHNOLOGY 101

is a resource for those who wish to learn basic skills with the powerful technology of today's world. Increased proficiency with computers and cell-phones et al is good both personally and professionally.



### Apple Politely Explains Why iPhone Cases are a Waste of Money

You use one because you use one, right? You don't trust yourself. Perhaps now is the time to break out, suggests Apple.

This has been going on a long time.

I can't remember when the habit was formed, but the vast majority of humanity appears to have adopted it.

No, I'm not talking about posting pictures of your frou-frou dessert to Instagram. This is far more elemental. This is the proclivity to put a case on your phone.

When you buy it, your phone looks so pretty. Just like in the ads. But then you buy a hideous \$20 piece of rubber to hide its pulchritude.

Do you do it because you're afraid of dropping it? Or do you somehow (make yourself) believe that a case will cause your meticulously designed phone to stand out?

Yes, some cases are so, so fetching. Who doesn't want to put sparkles around their phone? Who doesn't buy a lovely blue iPhone and then encase it in an ugly black cape?

I fear Apple has had enough of this. More than enough.

Have you ever seen an Apple executive wrap their iPhone in a case? No, you haven't. But even that example hasn't been sufficient. So the company has now released an ad, surely intended to help you wean yourself off your unaesthetic, anti-aesthetic behavior.

An iPhone 13 is perched on the edge of a table. It has no case. It begins to ring.

You know what happens when an iPhone that's lying on a hard surface rings on vibrate, don't you? It vibrates. It begins to move. Just like a salad spinner if you leave it spinning on your kitchen countertop.

Here, though, you know what's about to happen. The portentous music helps you along.

Down goes the iPhone.

Do we see what state it's in once it hits the floor? We don't. But we do hear it keeps on ringing, so we have to infer nothing untoward has happened.

"iPhone 13 with Ceramic Shield. Tougher than any smartphone glass. Relax, it's iPhone," says Apple.

You see? Apple is sending you a message. Take off your cloaks. Be not afraid. Remove your veil and live to the fullest.

If only you could relax enough to add a tiny amount to this world's beauty. To counteract all its ugliness, you understand.

I confess I've been on this crusade far longer than Apple.

In the earlier days of iPhone cases, these words came to mind: "Putting your iPhone in a case is like buying an Audi, wrapping it in rubber and painting flames down the side of it. It's like going to a three-star Michelin restaurant and asking for ketchup. It's like going to church, chewing gum, and blowing bubbles at the priest."

I feel that Apple is finally joining my one-person cause.

Liberate your iPhone. Liberate your Android. Show the world that your phone is gorgeous. Show the world that you trust yourself enough not to drop your phone in such a way as to smash it. Believe in *you*, people.

These phones are far better than they used to be. iPhone cases aren't.

Set your iPhone free. We all believe in freedom, right?

~ Story by [The Amazing Times](#)  
Written by: *Chris Matyszczyk*



### 12 Famous People That We Never Knew Served in Vietnam

1. [Jesse Ventura](#)
2. [Richard Chaves](#)
3. [Harris Haywood](#)
4. [Wes Studi](#)
5. [Richard Kline](#)
6. [R. Lee Ermey](#)
7. [Willie Miller](#)
8. [Dennis Franz](#)
9. [Al Gore](#)
10. [Rocky Bleier](#)
11. [Dale Dye](#)
12. [Oliver Stone](#)

### MILITARY TRIVIA

**A.** On August 24, 1814, during the [War of 1812](#) between the United States and England, British troops entered [Washington, D.C.](#) and burned the [White House](#) in retaliation for the American attack on the city of York in Ontario, Canada, in June 1813.



[CLICK HERE](#)

For 10 things you may not know about the war of 1812.

[CLICK HERE](#)

To listen to Pyotr Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture.



**DEPARTMENT OF MAINE  
THE AMERICAN LEGION**

**PAST COMMANDERS CLUB**

It is with great pride and pleasure that we the membership of Post # \_\_\_\_\_ submit the names of all our living Past Commanders for membership to the Past Commanders Club. Along with the names, we have enclosed the annual dues of **\$5.00** per member with the understanding that this will continue to provide two (2) \$500.00 scholarships. The recipient must be the son/daughter, grandson/granddaughter of a member of The American Legion.

Membership in the Past Commanders Club goes from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

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Post Adjutant

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**SUBMIT TO:**

The American Legion, Dept. of Maine  
5 Verti Drive  
Winslow, Maine 04901-0727

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
PAST COMMANDERS CLUB**

This form may be filled out on-line at: [www.mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplications.php](http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplications.php)

**\*\*\* Please note that the annual dues for Past Commanders Club have increased to \$5.00/member)\*\*\***



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

## 2025 MEMBERSHIP

### RENEWAL SCHEDULE

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#### CUTOFF DATES

MAY 15, 2024

SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

OCTOBER 16, 2024

DECEMBER 11, 2024

FEBRUARY 12, 2025

APRIL 9, 2025

#### RENEWAL MAIL DATES

JULY 1-8, 2024

OCTOBER 5-11, 2024

NOVEMBER 9-15, 2024

JANUARY 4-10, 2025

MARCH 1-7, 2025

MAY 3-9, 2025

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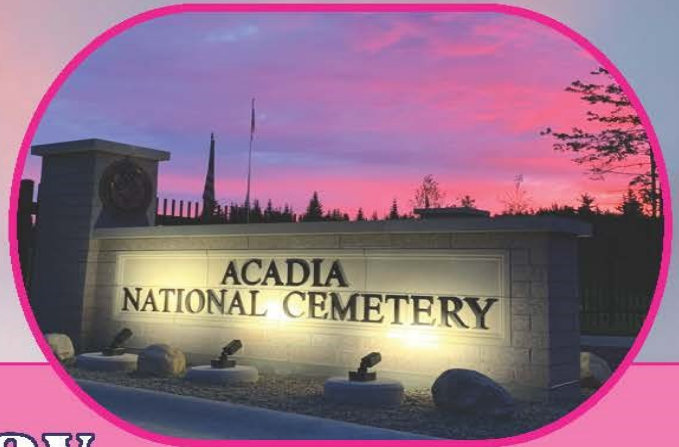
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# “Planning Your Legacy”

Veterans and Community Connection Expo



1799 U.S Route 1, Jonesboro, ME



Saturday  
**September 14**  
10AM - 2PM

**FREE & Open to Veterans, Survivors,  
Service Members and their families**

*REGISTER*



**ONSITE**

- Pre-arrangement Planning
- File a claim for benefits
- Connect with Veteran-centric organizations
- Enroll in healthcare
- Meet with a VSO
- Learn about state Veteran benefits

**ON-SITE Organizations**

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Disabled Veterans of America (DAV), Gold Star Mothers/Families, Health Affiliates of Maine, Honor Flight of Maine, HOPE Program, Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Maine Bureau of Veterans’ Services, Maine Department of Labor, Maine Veterans Homes in Machias, Maine Veterans in Need, Military Womens’ Memorial, National Cemetery Administration, Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA), Quilts of Valor, Veterans Benefits Administration, Vet Center, Veterans Health Administration, Veterans Upward Bound, Wabanaki Public Health and Wellness, and many more.



**U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs**

Securing the Future, Remembering the Past


## DEPARTMENT & NATIONAL LEGION PER CAPITA

No. of Cards	Amt. of Check	No. of Cards	Amt. of Check
1	\$41.00	26	\$1,066.00
2	\$82.00	27	\$1,107.00
3	\$123.00	28	\$1,148.00
4	\$164.00	29	\$1,189.00
5	\$205.00	30	\$1,230.00
6	\$246.00	31	\$1,271.00
7	\$287.00	32	\$1,312.00
8	\$328.00	33	\$1,353.00
9	\$369.00	34	\$1,394.00
10	\$410.00	35	\$1,435.00
11	\$451.00	36	\$1,476.00
12	\$492.00	37	\$1,517.00
13	\$533.00	38	\$1,558.00
14	\$574.00	39	\$1,599.00
15	\$615.00	40	\$1,640.00
16	\$656.00	41	\$1,681.00
17	\$697.00	42	\$1,722.00
18	\$738.00	43	\$1,763.00
19	\$779.00	44	\$1,804.00
20	\$820.00	45	\$1,845.00
21	\$861.00	46	\$1,886.00
22	\$902.00	47	\$1,927.00
23	\$943.00	48	\$1,968.00
24	\$984.00	49	\$2,009.00
25	\$1,025.00	50	\$2,050.00

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**Saturday Sept 21st, 2024**  
**9am to 2pm**

# *Women Veterans Luncheon*

**Hosted by**  
**Women Veteran's Glamping**

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Our mission to bring women veterans together in a safe environment.  
where they can bond, network and learn about resources available to  
them.

**LOCATION: AMERICAN LEGION POST 28**  
**158 HIGH STREET, FARMINGTON, MAINE 04938**

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Email-

[info@womenveteransglamping.org](mailto:info@womenveteransglamping.org)

to RSVP to Luncheon



Parking is at WG Mallet School  
116 School Street, Farmington, ME



## FALL CONFERENCE MEETING AGENDA

Foster-Carrol American Legion Post 72  
12 Church Street, South Paris, Me. 04281  
September 28, 2024

### Opening Ceremony (9:15 am):

1. Post Colors
2. Prayer
3. POW – MIA
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Preamble
6. Welcome by Past National Commander Anthony Jordan

### Introduction:

- Finance Report- Finance Officer Tally Brown
- Americanism Reports- Americanism Officer Liam Nedredd
  - a. Oratorical Report- Chair Maureen Malley
  - b. Dirigo State Report- DJA Julie Flynn
  - c. Legion Baseball- DA Jason T. Hall
- Women Veterans Advisory Committee Report- Co-Chairs Mary Brune and Caroline Yarmala
- Warren Post 218- District Commander Ray Lewis
- Award Presentation to PDC Al McKay by Jerry Dewitt
- National Convention Report- Joseph Michaud
- Greetings from American Legion Auxiliary President Stasi Brule
- Greetings from Sons of The American Legion Detachment Commander Steve Doyle

### Lunch Break- Daddio's Catering (pre-order required)

### Afternoon Session (1:00 p.m.):

- Membership- *Operation Outreach*, First Vice Commander Leroy McKenzie
- Recognizing and Avoiding Internet Scams, Department Judge Advocate Julie Flynn
- Working Strategically for The American Legion, Department Adjutant Jason T. Hall
- BE THE ONE, Department Judge Advocate Julie Flynn
- Remarks from Commander Thurston  
Commander's Project Mission Working Dogs
- Announcements- Department Adjutant Jason T. Hall (National Leadership Fund)
- Sweepstakes Drawing- Department Adjutant Jason T. Hall

### Closing Remarks/Ceremony

*DEC Meeting Tentatively Scheduled for 15 minutes after Fall Conference ends.*



Department of Maine

**Itinerary**  
**National Commander's Visit**  
***James A. LaCoursiere, Jr.***  
October 14-18, 2024

**Arrival:** Portland 10/14

**Lodging:** Hilton Gardens Auburn

**Itinerary:**

**October 15:** leave hotel at 9 am.

1. 9:45 am Oxford Post 112- pastries/coffee
2. 11 am Norway Post 82- meet and greet
3. 12:30 pm - Mechanic Falls Post 150- lunch
4. Hotel Auburn for afternoon
5. 5:30 pm Slider's Sports Pub for food and games

**October 16:** leave hotel at 9:10 am

1. 10 am Bath Post 21- pastries/coffee
2. Noon- Damariscotta Post 42- Lunch
3. 3 pm- back to hotel
4. 6:30 pm dinner Auburn (Mac's Grill)

**October 17:** leave hotel at 8:30 am

1. 9:15 am Livermore Post 10- pastries/coffee
2. 11 am Farmington Post 28
3. 1 pm Winthrop Post 40
4. Leave for Hotel Auburn
5. 5:30 pm Auburn Post 31-Banquet/Speech/Entertainment

**October 18:** Departure